



# Information Sheet

## Asset Services Information Sheet 25

# Hoon Behaviour (Driving)

## Introduction

Speeding vehicles and reckless driving continue to be a source of concern for Council and the residents of the Town of Bassendean. Whilst many see speed humps, roundabouts and other traffic calming devices as a means of reducing incidents of “hoon” behaviour, the truth of the matter is that some offenders consider these measures a challenge and not a deterrent.

## Reporting Hoon Behaviour

Call police on 131 444 to report dangerous, reckless or anti-social (hoon) behaviour. You can also report police at your local police station. The nearest station to Bassendean is located in Kiara at the corner of Morley and Bottlebrush Drives.

## What to Report

The following information will assist the police to investigate “hoon” behaviour:

- **Vehicle Registration** - If you hear a car being driven in a reckless manner and are able to see the incident it is helpful if you can obtain the registration number of that vehicle. Time, date and place must be noted (approximate time will suffice).
- **Vehicle Description** - To further confirm the actual vehicle a brief description of the colour, make and model if you can recognise it or similar types. Any noticeable accessories, damage or paint patches may also assist.
- **Driver Description** - A description of the driver and or any passengers may help establish who was driving at the time, this may be limited to colour and length of hair, skin colour and facial features. Further description of any headwear, jacket or shirt is useful.
- **Description of Driving Behaviour** - It is important to describe the manner of driving especially any repeated or continuous spinning of wheels. Note if smoke and noise is emitted as a result of the wheels spinning, any new tyre marks left on the road

surface by that action, and any attempt to repeat the action at the same place or nearby.

- Current Local Conditions - To assist police determine the appropriate charge/s it is also advantageous to give a full description of the traffic (including pedestrian numbers) and weather conditions at the time.
- Photographic Evidence - Photographic or video evidence can be of great assistance to confirm many of the details listed above but you must be able to give testament to when and where it was shot. **Do not put yourself at risk when trying to gather evidence.**
- Write Notes - It is not unusual to have a number of drivers behaving in a similar manner at the same location so it would give your evidence extra credence if you are able to write notes about the incident/s as soon as possible after you have witnessed the hoon behaviour. This can assist against later confusing one driver/vehicle with another.
- Contact the Police - Call police on **131 444** as soon as you can and advise if you believe the behaviour will continue long enough for police to attend the scene.
- Hoon Report Form – Use a “hoon” report form to record the details and take this to the police. These are available on the WA Police web-site [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au).

## Hoon Conviction

Remember the only way a hoon may be convicted, if police don't witness the incident, is for you to attend Court. If you are not willing to attend Court in some cases your information may help to establish a pattern of behaviour that could lead to later apprehension, and conviction, so your information is still appreciated.

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